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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krasner (U.S. Pat. #: 5,945,944).

Regarding claim 1, Krasner teaches a method for updating timing information in a wireless communication network (i.e., GPS Base station 117 shown in figure 3 updating timing information to each of cell sites 306), comprising:

detecting, at a mobile unit in an area serviced by a base station (i.e., combined mobile unit 100 as shown in figure 1 or mobile unit 302 as shown in figure 3), signal data containing accurate timing information, said signal data received from a source other than a base station (i.e., received GPS signal from at least one of satellite, col.5, lines 3-11);

deriving accurate timing information from said signal data (col.10, lines 10-27);

generating association data associating said accurate timing information with base station timing information maintained by said base station (col.10, line 66 through col.11, line 29; col.12, lines 36-64 and col.13, lines 38-55); and

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updating network timing information for said base station using said associated data (i.e., network timing information of base stations being maintained and updated by GPS base station 117; col.16, lines 48-53).

Regarding claims 2-4, note col.16, lines 7-16 and lines 44-53.

Regarding claims 5-7, note col.5, lines 3-11; col.10, lines 10-24.

Regarding claims 8-16, note col.15, line 31 through col.16, line 54

Regarding claims 17-25, the claims are rejected with the same reasons set forth in claims 1-16 above.

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh K. Tieu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7510 and E-mail address: [BINH.TIEU@USPTO.GOV](mailto:BINH.TIEU@USPTO.GOV).

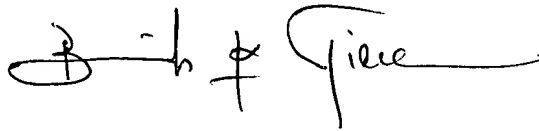
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Binh Tieu", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**BINH TIEU**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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Date: August 16, 2005